

Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board

Minutes

The Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board (FLHZAB) held a meeting on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009**, at **7:00 pm** in the **McClure Residence, 5440 E. Fort Lowell Road**, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

In attendance: Peggy Sackheim, Carl Ewing, Bob Hastings, Bob Brisley, Elaine Hill, Jo McClure

Absent: Karen Zimmermann, Jim Klein

Guests: Mary Lou Nutall, Minnette Burges, Loy Neff, Simon Herbert, Jonathan Mabry

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of Sept 29, 2009 - Approved

b. Treasurer's Report

3. Presentation of Final Master Plan for Fort Lowell park by Jonathan Mabry of City of Tucson and Loy Neff and Simon Herbert of Pima County

a. Jonathan, Loy and Simon presented an overview of the final recommended Master Plan for Fort Lowell Park as well as the Preservation Plan for the Adkins Parcel at Fort Lowell Park. The Advisory Board asked several questions and made comments about the details of the Plan and preservation approaches, many of which will be specified during the design phase of the multi-phase project.

The Advisory Board commended the County, City and Advisory Committee for the production of an excellent plan, and unanimously approved concurrence with the Plans. The Board will write a letter to that effect. The Plan will be presented to the Mayor and Council next week, followed by the Board of Supervisors in early November.

4. Plans Review

a. San Pedro Chapel reconstruction of the ramp for accessibility at the West Chapel door
After the last meeting, several ideas were brought forward for alternative surfaces for the ramp and landing. An informal meeting was held at the request of OFLNA with Alan Scott, Liz Walter, Peggy Sackheim, Elaine Hill and Jeanne Turner on October 10 to discuss options for the repair of the landing and approach ramp. Alan made several suggestions for the ramp surface in lieu of flagstone, including colored asphalt, colored concrete and exposed aggregate. Since the meeting, Bill Anderson has drawn up an alternative plan. It retains the existing landing with replacement of the wood slats in a perpendicular direction to the flow of traffic. The ramp slope (1:20) is constructed of colored concrete and exposed aggregate that matches the surrounding dirt in color and texture. A rail will not be required on the sidewalk/ramp. A similar surface can be seen on the Sherrill driveway at 5309 E. Fort Lowell. The Board approved the drawing with conditions: That the direction of the door stay as existing, not as shown on the drawing; that the Advisory Board work with the contractor to assure color compliance and texture and that the slope and grade not be significantly revised.

b. Concrete benches at San Pedro Chapel.

Ten concrete benches were recently purchased for use around the Chapel grounds. They were chosen without prior review by the Historic Zone Advisory Board. As a permanent fixture on the Chapel grounds, their design should have undergone design review. The new benches are a modern design that is not in keeping with the historic property. It was moved and unanimously approved that they be removed. The Board recommends returning the benches to the vendor and exchanging them for some that are more appropriate. It was also recommended that if several benches are to be installed they don't need to be identical. The Advisory Board is happy to consult on selection of

replacements, and suggested that very simple benches would be best, perhaps similar to a new one recently installed at the pond in Fort Lowell Park.

Any changes, additions, landscaping modifications and fixtures at the Chapel should be brought for design review by the Advisory Board. For example, someone is voluntarily lining up rocks around the driveways and trees. This type of landscape change should be discouraged as these types of changes diminish and dilute the character of the property. The FLHZAB can facilitate the consultation of landscape architects for the grounds if changes are desired.

5. Old Business

c. Historic Zone Standards and/or Zoning Issues

Jonathan Mabry advised the Board that he will be requesting their time in the coming year to work with all the City Historic Zone Advisory Boards to standardize design guidelines language and update them with current topics such as solar panels and green retrofit.

6. New Business

a. none

7. Call to the Audience

8. Future Agenda Items

Next meetings:

November 17

December 15.

9. Adjourned 8:55pm